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EXHALATION VALVE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 7, 2006, in the above-identified application.

Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed Form PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 3, 2005 has not been received. It is requested that the Examiner initial the Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return it to the undersigned attorney.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.